

pickles, baseball can now be added as a point of interest.

Led by head coach Carl Lancaster, the Trojans were up by a five-run lead at the end of the first inning. Thanks in part to Josh Harrison's at-bat that resulted in a single and Dylan Holton's three-run double, Mount Olive mounted an early 5-0 advantage over Ouachita Baptist.

Mount Olive College was featured on national television in the May edition of "NCAA On Campus." This gave the players a chance to brag a little about their accomplishments, as all nine players in the Trojans' starting lineup were nationally ranked in at least one statistical category at the time of tapping.

The Trojans' efforts have not gone unnoticed by Major League Baseball. Five of the players from Mount Olive's 2008 National Championship team will all be playing professionally in the coming year. Additionally, four players have been named All American. This is wonderful news for these deserving young men.

Also due recognition is the Trojans' academic performance. Their emphasis on academic success earned them a team grade point average of 3.13 on a 4 point scale.

The baseball team's success can be attributed to their well-rounded 2008 roster that included: Jackson Massey, Jesse Lancaster, Anthony Hernandez, Anthony Williams, Weston Curles, Todd Jeffreys, David Cooper, Mike Kicia, Paul Novicki, Tyler Smith, Pat Ball, Alex Vertchnik, Dylan Holton, Rich Racobaldo, Joseph Westbrook, Andy Hilliard, Kyle Jones, Jason Sherrer, Josh Harrison, Casey Hodges, Erik Lovett, Michael Williams, Ryan Schlecht, Craig Beasley, Thomas Newsome, and Airlon Vinson. The team was coached by: Carl Lancaster, Aaron Akin, and Rob Watt.

Again, I commend the Mount Olive Trojans, the 2008 NCAA Division II Baseball National Championship team and coach Carl Lancaster on an incredible season. Also, I would like to wish those players drafted into the Major Leagues the best of luck.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING MAURICE A. CALDERON

• Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I am pleased to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a longtime community leader in Inland Southern California, Maurice A. Calderon, as he retires from a long career of service and support to his community.

Maurice Calderon as a board member for Banning Unified School District, as a trustee with the San Jacinto Community College District, and as a trustee for the San Bernardino Valley College Foundation. Mr. Calderon has also served as a member of the foundation for the University of California, Riverside.

Maurice Calderon has also served his community through involvement in a number of community organizations. He is a member of the Inland Empire Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Inland Empire African American Chamber of Commerce. He has served as the director of the Inland Empire Economic Partnership, and as chairman of the Inland Empire Hispanic Leadership Council. Maurice is also the president of Sinfonia Mexicana, a Hispanic symphony that provides cultural enrichment throughout the region.

For his longstanding work throughout various communities, Maurice Calderon has been the recipient of numerous titles of distinction and awards of commendation. He has been named the "Father of the Year" and the "Citizen of the Year" by the cities of Banning and Beaumont, respectively. Hispanic Lifestyle Magazine and the Inland Empire Hispanic Chamber of Commerce named him the "Hispanic of the Year," and he was named to the Southern California Native American and Latino Hall of Fame. In April 2004, he was honored as the recipient of the Reconocimiento Ohtli Award, which is given by the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs to role models who have successfully contributed to the well-being of their communities. And in 2005, the city of Banning acknowledged Maurice and the entire Calderon family for their more than 100 years of community service, and named a street in their honor, "Calderon Way."

As Mr. Calderon retires, he can look back on a distinguished career of service to his community, to education, and to cultural awareness. I join with members of his community in wishing him a wonderful retirement. •

##### TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL MICHAEL A. COLLINGS

• Mr. CHAMBLISS. Madam President, I pay tribute to an exceptional officer in the U.S. Air Force, MG Michael A. Collings upon his retirement after more than 33 years of distinguished service. Throughout his career, General Collings has personified the Air Force core values of integrity, selfless service, and excellence in the many missions the Air Force provides in defense of our nation. It is my privilege to recognize his many accomplishments and to commend him for the superb service he has provided the Air Force and our Nation.

General Collings entered the U.S. Air Force as a graduate of Southern Illinois University's Reserve Officer Training Corps program in 1974. His career has spanned a variety of operational assignments and major command staff functions. A command pilot with more than 2600 hours in the T-37, T-38 and F-16, General Collings spent more than 10 years in the cockpit, instructing in the T-37, F-16 and at the U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School. Moving to the logistics field in 1987, General Collings has served on the

staff at Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, Washington DC, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, HI, and Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, VA. He has commanded two squadrons, two groups, and two wings including the 82nd Training Wing at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Robins Air Force Base, GA.

His assignments have increased in scope and responsibility, culminating in his current assignment as Chief, Office of Military Cooperation, Egypt. As the Senior U.S. Defense Representative to Egypt, General Collings leads six divisions responsible for all aspects of the security assistance mission in Egypt. In addition to providing advice and assistance to the Government of Egypt on a wide range of military procurement and training issues, the Office of Military Cooperation serves as a liaison between the Egyptian Ministry of Defense and United States Central Command, coordinating the planning of joint military exercises throughout the region.

During his career, General Collings has served the U.S. Air Force and our Nation with excellence, distinction, and unwavering integrity. His exceptional leadership skills have been evident throughout his career as he repeatedly demonstrated superb command and operational leadership, a brilliant and innovative vision for his unit's future, and an unmatched loyalty to his faith, people and country.

General Collings will retire from the U.S. Air Force on August 1, 2008 after 33 years and 1 month of dedicated commissioned service. On behalf of Congress, the country, and the State of Georgia, I thank General Collings, his wife Jan, and their entire family for the commitment and sacrifices they have made throughout his honorable service. Congratulations on completing an outstanding and exemplary military career. •

##### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. NAVY NURSE CORPS

• Mr. INOUE. Madam President, today I wish to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps.

As a proud supporter of the Navy Nurse Corps, both the officers and the many enlisted and civilian personnel who work alongside them, I am pleased that we are recognizing their contributions to our navy and our great nation.

On May 13, 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt signed the Naval Appropriations bill that authorized the establishment of the Nurse Corps as a unique staff corps of the Navy. A small group of trained nurses were carefully chosen to establish an "orderly, disciplined corps with a respectable reputation and excellent benefits, if somewhat limited pay." Leaving societal norms behind, the Sacred Twenty, led by Ms. Esther